

Our Reference: VWS-488-A PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Eugene Porter, et al.
Serial Number: 09/628,265
Filing Date: July 28, 2000
Examiner/Art Group Unit: Klaus, Lisa Nhung/2832
Title: NON-REVERSING WINDSHIELD WIPER
MOTOR PARK SWITCH

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We, Eugene B. Porter, Frank R. Lombardo, Gregory Hickey, Christopher Jones, James Jackson, citizens of the United States, and Harold Klode, a citizen of Germany, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application declare as follows:

1. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention of the above-identified application in the United States at a date prior to March 16, 2000, which is the effective date of the prior art U.S. Patent Number 6,384,557 that was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 24, 2003.

2. We are making this declaration as the inventors of the above-identified application.

3. To establish the date of completion of the invention described in the above identified application, we are submitting drawings of the subject invention.

4. From sketch A of these drawings, it can be seen that the invention described in this application was made at least by the date of October 27, 1997, which is a date earlier than the effective date of the reference.

5. From at least October 27, 1997 to the actual reduction to practice of the invention which occurred by the completion and successful testing of a prototype of the invention at least by December 3, 1998, which is a date prior to the effective date of the reference, we exercised diligence.

6. This declaration is submitted after a final rejection along with a showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) warranting entry of the declaration.

7. That all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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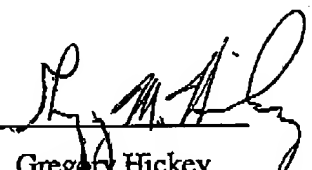
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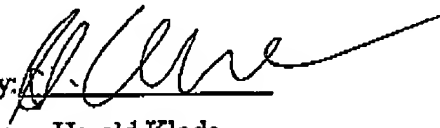
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